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Another nationwide poll kept under wraps by the Conservatives shows Canadians are deeply divided over how Ottawa should deal with prostitution and contradicts Harper's claim the proposed new bill has the backing of most Canadians.

A strong majority of Canadians think the federal government should either legalize marijuana or decriminalize the possession of small amounts, according to a new Department of Justice poll obtained by Torstar News Service.

The poll, kept secret by the governing Conservatives for months, found that 70 per cent of respondents believe pot laws should be loosened. Out of 3,000 respondents, 37.3 per cent said the federal government should legalize marijuana, while 33.4 per cent said the possession of small amounts should be decriminalized. Only 13.7 per cent of respondents supported the status quo, while 12 per cent said they believe Ottawa should impose harsher penalties.

The Conservatives have made Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's pro-legalization stance a cornerstone of their recent attack ads, suggesting legalizing marijuana would make the drug more accessible to children. But the poll numbers suggest more Canadians support Trudeau's stance on marijuana, or the New Democrat Leader Thomas Mulcair's support for decriminalization, than leaving the laws as is.

While most respondents to the phone survey were in favour of loosening possession laws, the focus groups were less sure about the current laws and whether or not they should be changed.

"There was a great deal of confusion about whether the possession of small amounts of marijuana is a crime, a ticketable offense, or completely legal," states the report, which the Conservatives intended to withhold until the end of July.

"Participants often used the two terms 'legalization' and 'decriminalization' interchangeably and did not demonstrate a clear understanding of the distinction between the two."

Only 2.7 per cent of respondents to the phone survey mentioned crime and safety issues as a priority at all. That's compared to 36.7 per cent who said that the economy was a priority, 19.1 per cent who felt health care was a priority, and 13.7 per cent who said the federal government should focus on the environment.

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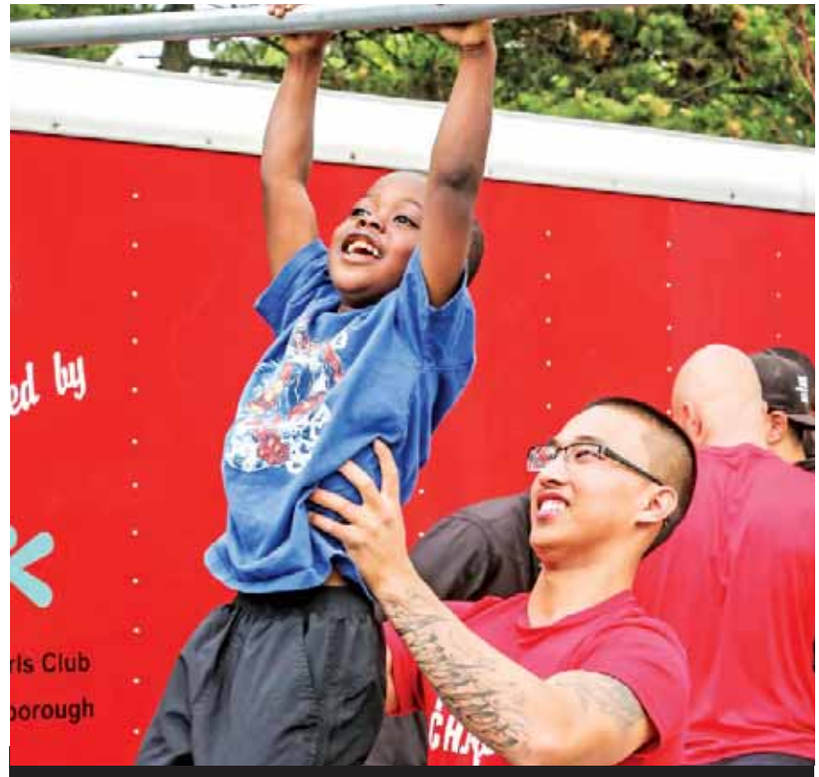

NOT DEFINED THROUGH TRAGEDY

Marquis Brown, 4, gets a helping hand onto the bar by Jacky Chhai on Wednesday during a street party held by the Danzig community to mark the second anniversary of the worst mass shootings in Toronto history. See story, page 3. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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‘Our neighbourhood isn’t as bad as it looked that night’

Commemoration.
Two years after shootings, Danzig community celebrates a return to normal

Young boys play in a bouncy castle as the Danzig community held a street party to mark the second anniversary of the deadly shootings on Wednesday.
DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A girl twirled a green-and-white basketball on her index finger. Michael Jackson blasted from a pair of speakers. The charcoal smelled of barbecue.

Wednesday afternoon on Danzig Street had all the hallmarks of a normal summer day in east Scarborough. That’s why dozens of people gathered here to celebrate, two years after the street became the site of the worst mass shooting in Toronto history: A sense of normal life is finally being restored.

“Today is about a community that did not decide to define itself through a tragedy,” said Dyinka Edwards, 17, standing on a podium outside 230 Danzig St., a townhouse that has been converted into a popular community centre.

Indeed, the events commemorating the shooting’s second anniversary were mostly light and cheerful. Children sat to have their faces painted, volunteers distributed footballs and Batman figurines, and politicians such as Coun. Paul Ainslie and mayoral candidate John Tory posed playfully in the driver’s seat of a police ATV.

“We’re one big happy family,” said Edwards.

Of course, it’s a family scarred by violence. On the night of July 16, 2012, a block party down the street erupted in gunfire, leaving two dead — Joshua Yasay, 23, and Shyanne Charles, 14 — and 22 injured. In April, 20-year-old Nahom Tsegazab pleaded guilty to two counts of manslaughter in the deaths, and was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Wednesday’s ceremony was punctuated by sombre moments commemorating the victims. Edwards presided over the release of a clutch of white balloons, representing the dead. “Gone but not forgotten,” she said, as the orbs rose slowly toward the sky.

A large police contingent helped serve as a reminder of the tragic night. At least a dozen officers were on hand, almost outnumbering civilians at times.

But some residents said an increased law enforcement presence was one of the things that has helped the community heal.

“We’ve been having lots of police protection — it makes a big difference,” said Wendy Fanfair, who lives nearby. “Me, I feel safe.”

In brief, unscripted remarks, John Tory said that “sometimes we need things” like the Danzig Street shooting to spur change in our cities. (Campaign spokesperson Amanda Galbraith later clarified that Tory meant that, “Unfortunately, sometimes it takes things like that to mobilize politicians and the public” on issues like stopping gun violence.)

Mayoral candidate Karen Stintz also attended the gathering. Mayor Rob Ford visited shortly after the main festivities.

Other Danzig residents say the common experience of violence and its after-effects brought the neighbourhood closer together.

“Before, there wasn’t much of a sense of a community,” said Kelli Ellis, who lives a stone’s throw from the housing complex where the shooting occurred. “It was really disjointed. Now we all know our neighbours — that’s improved.”

“In the aftermath, we put our pain aside and realized we needed to make a change,” said Edwards. “Because our neighbourhood isn’t as bad as it looked that night.”

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“We’ve been having lots of police protection — it makes a big difference. Me, I feel safe.”
Wendy Fanfair, who lives nearby

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A very happy Melissa Siu-Chong, part of a Ryerson University students group recently called on by the Pontifical Council for Social Communications to evaluate the church's social media presence, at her place of work in Toronto on Wednesday.
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Ryerson students preach to Vatican

Social media saviours. Advisers think up ways to boost @Pontifex's online evangelizing

When it comes to Twitter, Facebook and the web, the Vatican isn't just turning to the man upstairs for advice.

A group of Ryerson University students recently evaluated the Catholic Church's social media presence and made recommendations about how to improve its online strategies, at a meeting with the general secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

The council is made up of Catholic leaders from around the globe and aims to develop communication strategies to evangelize people.

Melissa Siu-Chong, a second-year hospitality and tourism student involved in the Ryerson project, said some of the students' suggestions included making the @Pontifex Twitter account more interactive, exploring the creation of apps and regularly posting the pope's homily on YouTube.

With experience as a member of the youth group and choir at Thornhill's St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Siu-Chong also made recommendations related to music.

"I brought up the suggestion of making a Catholic Songza music library, with topics like praise and worship, communion or reflection," she said.

"Our hope is to help the Vatican implement these ideas," Siu-Chong says. "We are really excited to see what happens next."

21st-century hymns

"I brought up the suggestion of making a Catholic Songza music library, with topics like praise and worship, communion or reflection." Melissa Siu-Chong

The council's general secretary Monsignor Paul Tighe, who heard the recommendations at Ryerson in June, says his initial reaction was to challenge them by defending the Vatican's current strategies.

But when the students explained the reasoning behind their ideas and the obstacles to implement them, he says he began to understand the rationale and feasibility of the points they made. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canadians divided on prostitution: Secret poll

A nationwide poll kept under wraps by the Conservative government shows Canadians are deeply divided over how Ottawa should deal with prostitution, and contradicts Prime Minister Stephen Harper's claim the proposed new bill has the backing of most Canadians.

The poll was obtained by Torstar News Service hours after the Department of Justice refused to release it Tuesday as hearings into the controversial anti-prostitution Bill C-36 ended.

Also obtained were results of in-depth focus-group research carried out in conjunction with the survey that shows Canadians are worried about driving prostitution further underground — risking sex workers' safety — should the Conservatives move forward with criminalizing the purchasing of sex.

On June 9, when asked why his government has clung to the so-called Nordic model — criminalizing pimps and johns — and not entertained the idea of decriminalizing or going further and legalizing prostitution, Harper said, "We have consulted very widely on the legislation that is before Parliament.

"The evidence is it's very widely supported by Canadians," he said. In French, Harper went further, saying: "I think that our consultations certainly indicate majority support for the actions we are taking."

Most Canadians — 75.6 per cent — agreed somewhat or strongly with the statement "prostitution is harmful for women" whether it is legal or not, while 20.3 per cent somewhat or strongly disagreed. Another 4.1 per cent didn't know.

However, the country is clearly split on how to tackle the buying and selling of sexual services, with a strong divide between men and women on how to approach the issue.

Asked which prostitution-related activities should be legal or illegal, 57.2 per cent of women said buying sexual services should be illegal, while only 44.9 per cent of men said buying sex should be illegal.

More men (50.4 per cent) than women (38.1 per cent) believed buying sexual services should be legal.

More women (55.1 per cent) than men (44.2 per cent) supported making the selling of sexual services illegal.
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The stats

The Ipsos-Reid poll of 3,000 Canadians shows Canadians are almost evenly split on how the government should approach the complex issue of adult prostitution. Among the findings:

- A slim majority, 51.2 per cent, thought buying sexual services should be illegal, while 44.1 per cent were opposed.
- Nearly half of Canadians, or 49.8 per cent, believed selling sex should also be illegal, with 45.4 per cent opposed.

Online privacy

Rogers, Telus vow to protect customer info after ruling

Two major telecommunications firms — Rogers and Telus — say they will no longer routinely give basic customer information to police and security agencies without first seeing a warrant.

The moves follow a recent landmark Supreme Court of Canada decision affirming the right to online privacy.

In the case of Rogers Communications Inc., concerns voiced by subscribers also played a role in tightening the disclosure policy, the company said Wednesday.

In June, the Supreme Court ruled police need judicial authorization to get personal information about customers from Internet providers. The high court rejected arguments the federal privacy law governing companies allows providers to hand over subscriber identities voluntarily.

Rogers received almost 175,000 requests for customer information from government and police agencies last year, according to a report the firm issued in June.

At the time, the company said it had a policy of responding to name and address requests, which totalled 87,856 last year, so police would not issue a warrant to the wrong person.

Rogers chief privacy officer Ken Engelhart said Wednesday the Supreme Court ruling — reinforced by demands from subscribers for better privacy protection — means the practice of routine disclosure must cease.
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Integrity commissioner probes Mayor Ford's racial slurs

Toronto's integrity commissioner is asking Mayor Rob Ford to respond to a resident's formal complaint that the mayor violated the city's code of conduct when he used "hurtful words" that "seemed to be targeted to the multicultural communities of Toronto."

"I want to have the mayor admit his shortcomings, apologize to the community for using a historically hurtful word and immediately commit to take ... anti-racism training," Samuel Getachew wrote in his July 8 complaint.

Integrity Commissioner Janet Leiper sent a letter to Ford this week providing him with a copy of the complaint and offering him an "opportunity to respond to the allegations contained." Under the Complaint Protocol for Members of Council, Ford has until July 29 to provide a written response.

No excuse?

"When I drink, what I say, I'm accountable. Just because he's too drunk, or taken cocaine, it doesn't mean he has the right to say such a word ..." Samuel Getachew, complainant

Under the City of Toronto Act, council may either reprimand or dock a councillor's pay — as it did last week to Giorgio Mammoliti — if the integrity commissioner finds a member has contravened the code of conduct.

Getachew's sworn affidavit includes examples of Ford using racial slurs, culled from various recordings and media reports.

"Many, many people have been disturbed with everything the mayor has been doing, especially the use of the n-word used to describe African Canadians," Getachew said in an interview Wednesday.

After returning to city hall earlier this month after a two-month stint in rehab, the mayor offered a general apology to Toronto residents for exercising "poor judgment" while under the influence of alcohol and drugs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mayor Rob Ford at the mayoral debate on Tuesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Rainbow Cinema.
Film festival features local students' work

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Young filmmakers from the Etobicoke School of the Arts are holding a festival of their films on Friday night at the Rainbow Cinema at Market Square in Toronto.

The Insomniac Film Festival includes 18 shorts. All of the filmmakers are aged 15 to 18 and most are from the high school's film department.

Adam Bovoletis, who is organizing the festival, said it was a way for the graduating film students to get together and show their work before they go their separate ways.

The shorts are on a wide range of subjects. One of Bovoletis' films in the festival is about a guy "with delicious-tasting sweat."

"Basically, a chef in a restaurant finds out that he has, like, this sweat that just tastes incredible and he starts harvesting his sweat, selling it in soups, and basically exploiting the kid, taking his sweat from him and making so much money," said Bovoletis. "It's pretty sad in the end, but it's a fun movie."

Bovoletis said he first got in contact with the Rainbow as part of his "promposal" to his girlfriend.

Bovoletis had made a fake movie trailer, showing shots of different locations around the city that were meaningful to the relationship, ending with the question, "Will you go to prom with me?"

He convinced the Rainbow to play it one night before a screening of The Grand Budapest Hotel when his girlfriend was in attendance.

Bovoletis said it went over well — his girlfriend said yes and the Rainbow liked it enough to agree to let the students host a film festival there.

The film festival starts at 11:30 p.m. on July 18. Tickets are $5 at the door. Or email insomniacfilmfestival2014@gmail.com.

A screen grab from one of the Insomniac Film Festival flicks. METRO

Former fashion designer reflects on inner peace

Maya Tiwari. From high-flying designer to cancer patient to Vedic monk, she is here now to talk about peace

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When one hears of a peace tour, several images may come to mind: youthful and aging hippies, sit-ins, concerts, talks on war and mediation, and how to get the planet's good guys to change the bad ones' ways.

Then there's the Living Ahimsa World Peace Tour travelling across Canada, which begins Thursday in Toronto and takes a Gandhian approach to peace — looking within to change oneself first. Or, as Maya Tiwari, a former Vedic monk and organizer of her (second) Canadian peace tour, explains: "Learning how to treat oneself with ahimsa, or non-violence."

The Toronto leg of the tour starts with an honouring of female peace-builders, such as the renowned Sister Elaine MacInnes, who teaches meditation to prisoners. That's followed by a full-day workshop on Ayruvedic teachings of healing, a workshop on how to create peace within, and an evening talk on discovering true love — with ahimsa being central to each.

"If we can develop that awareness on a daily basis, moment to moment, imagine what will happen to the configuration of peace around us," Tiwari says. "We don't have to be a yoga practitioner, Hindu, Jain or a follower of Gandhi to follow ahimsa."

Maya Tiwari brings the Living Ahimsa World Peace Tour to Toronto for five days beginning Thursday. Go to mypeacevow.org for details. CONTRIBUTED

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"If we can develop that awareness on a daily basis, moment to moment, imagine what will happen to the configuration of peace around us."

Maya Tiwari

Learning ahimsa and how to focus within, both spiritually and nutritionally, is something that Tiwari — author of Ayurveda: A Life of Balance and many other bestselling Ayruvedic books — learned the hard way.

In 1975, she was a renowned 23-year-old, New-York-based fashion designer, travelling the world, her high-end clothing line worn by the likes of Jackie Onassis, and carried by Eaton's, Harrods, Saks Fifth Avenue and many more.

Then, ovarian cancer struck. With a diagnosis of six months to live, she retreated to a cabin in the Vermont woods, returned to her Indian ancestors' Ayruvedic roots, and employed herbs, nutrition, meditation, chanting and yoga to heal herself both physically and spiritually.

The result was not only her complete recovery, but her abandoning of the fashion world to design the first Ayruvedic school in North America: The Wise Earth School of Ayruveda, born from her new, compelling vision to help others.

Now, in her second world peace tour across Canada, she's expounding on the ancient wisdom she's learned about creating the ultimate peace.

"We can accomplish peace inside of us — today, each one of us. We have the capacity," says Tiwari.

"We've crossed over into the time — whether we call it Kali Yuga or whether it has changed into another Yuga, where another mass consciousness is extremely possible and even inevitable."

After her tour in Vancouver, she will return to Toronto Aug. 3 as a keynote speaker for Deepak Chopra's week-long Global Meditation Event of the Year.

Shark in Lake Ontario a video hoax by Discovery Canada

An island community on Lake Ontario expressed a mix of relief and frustration Wednesday, when a video which suggested a shark was lurking nearby turned out to be an elaborate marketing ploy.

The clip made waves across the province and beyond, with many offering opinions on what they were seeing, although experts agreed the creature on camera wasn't a fresh-water-friendly bull shark but likely a large catfish.

The matter even came up at Ontario's legislature, where the governing Liberals cheekily noted there was no need to strike a Jaws-like task force, but asked residents to stay safe and report any sightings to the Natural Resources Ministry.

It was only on Wednesday afternoon that Discovery Canada, which is owned by broadcasting giant Bell Media, said a finned creature which momentarily surfaced while three men fished off a dock was in fact a life-like prosthetic model of a shark.

The channel said the video — which was posted on YouTube July 10 — was the first stage of a marketing campaign to promote an upcoming programing series on sharks.

But for local residents on Wolfe Island, where the video was supposed to have been filmed, the entire matter was one that set some on edge.

For Kody Paul, the matter was something he had to discuss with his two young boys over the past week.

"Our kids grow up swimming in these waters," he said. "It certainly switched up the atmosphere around here."

Wolfe Island Mayor Denis Doyle, who took numerous calls on the matter, said the stunt was perturbing.

"It's rather concerning that people do those kind of dumb things," he said, upon learning the clip was a hoax.

Those behind the fake video said they decided to come clean after seeing the frenzy of speculation sparked by the clip.

"The intent isn't to mislead or to frighten people. As soon as we started hearing stories about people were talking about not getting in the water, that's exactly when we decided to act," said Discovery Canada president Paul Lewis.

"The intent really was simply to stir up some discussion."

Lewis said the original plan had been to let the clip sit online for several weeks ahead of the series to which it was linked.

"It all happened so fast," he said, adding that none of Bell Media's new channels were notified of the hoax ahead of it being revealed.

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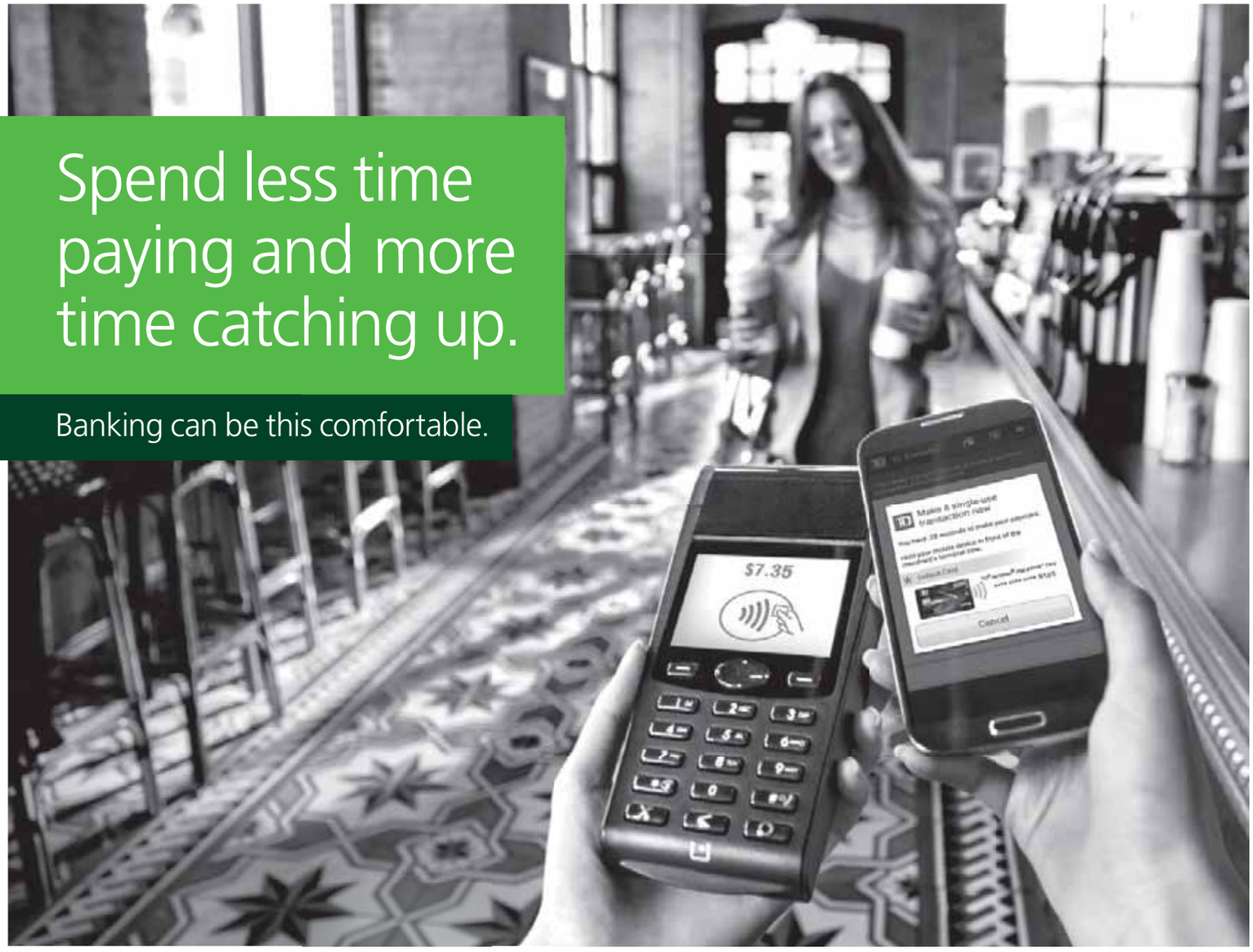
A Youtube video titled Shark in LAKE ONTARIO!! shows a creature that some believed was a shark off the coast of Wolfe Island near Kingston. YOUTUBE



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Liknes family thanks Calgary for 'strength'

'Incredibly sad'. Douglas Garland, accused of triple murder, makes brief first court appearance

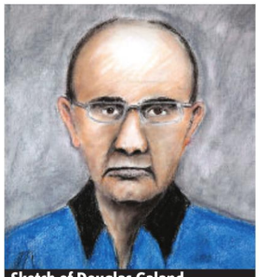
BRYAN WEISMILLER
Metro in Calgary

Allen Liknes thanked Calgarians Wednesday for their outpouring of support — as the man accused of three murders in the slaying of five-year-old Nathan O'Brien and his grandparents made his first court appearance.

Liknes, son of businessman Alvin Liknes, said the tributes and search efforts have helped his relatives get through what's been an "incredibly sad" affair.

"The family has taken a lot of strength from it," Liknes told a throng of media gathered outside the downtown courthouse.

Douglas Garland, 54, faces two first-degree murder charges and one second-degree charge in connection to the alleged abduction. The case was adjourned until mid-August, with the defence counsel asking for more time to get disclosure of the police investigation.



Sketch of Douglas Galand.
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Garland's lawyer, Kim Ross, told reporters he'd wait to review those files thoroughly, before deciding "whether or not we'll seek any kind of release."

Lead Crown prosecutor Shane Parker said outside court he would be opposing bail for Garland as the case moves forward. Police have alleged a "violent crime" occurred inside the home and told reporters they found forensic evidence that suggests the three didn't leave on their own volition.

The bodies of the Liknes couple and Nathan have not been recovered, according to investigators, although the alert ended with Garland's arrest. While police have maintained they've garnered enough evidence to lay the charges, family have held out hope the youngster will come home.

Asked whether it would be challenging to get a conviction without the bodies, Parker noted there are precedents.

"We've done it before and we'll do it again," he said.

Presumed dead

Alvin Liknes, wife Kathryn and grandson Nathan were last seen at the couple's Parkhill-area home on June 29.

Typhoon kills at least seven in Philippines

A Filipino boy tries to sweep out floating debris from his flooded home on Wednesday, as Typhoon Rammasun battered suburban Quezon City, north of Manila, Philippines. Typhoon Rammasun knocked out power in many areas and left at least seven people dead, but it spared the Philippines' capital, Manila, and densely-populated northern provinces from devastation when its fierce wind shifted slightly away, officials said.

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As he declared victory, Syria's three-year-old civil war grinds on, with 170,000 dead and a third of the country displaced. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Space exploration

U.A.E. aims for Mars

The United Arab Emirates, already home to the world's tallest tower, is now reaching for the stars. The energy-rich country on the eastern tip of the Arabian Peninsula announced plans Wednesday to establish a space program to send the first Arab spaceship to Mars in 2021. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli airstrikes. Many Gazans have nowhere to run despite warnings

The text message was as urgent as it was unwelcome: the Israeli army advised Mouin Ghaffir to leave his home quickly or risk being killed in airstrikes against Hamas rocket squads.

He swiftly sent his wife and 11 children to a dirty UN emergency shelter, with more than 40 people crammed in each classroom, but had to endure a night under bombardment at home after failing to find a safe place for his ailing 75-year-old mother.

Such is the life-and-death predicament of tens of thousands of Gazans being told by Israel to flee targeted areas, most with nowhere to go. UN shelters lack the space, and relatives, with their own overcrowded homes, often cannot help.

Israel says urging residents to evacuate — with warnings delivered through automated calls, text messages and leaflets dropped from planes — is an attempt to spare civilians whenever possible.

It holds Hamas responsible for the ordeal of Gaza's 1.7 million people, saying Hamas fighters fire rockets toward Israel from residential areas, effectively using civilians as human shields.

However, rights groups say simply sending warnings does not absolve Israel of responsibility and that those being urged to evacuate need somewhere to go.

Ghaffir's story highlights the hard choices Gazans face in this war. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Casualties of war

Since the start of cross-border fighting on July 8, Israel has carried out close to 1,900 airstrikes across Gaza

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Israel to pause bombing of Gaza after UN request

Palestinians flee their homes in the Shajaiyeh neighbourhood of Gaza City after Israel had airdropped leaflets warning people to leave the area on Wednesday.

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Gaza Strip. Five-hour 'humanitarian' window comes hours after Israeli navy kills four Palestinian boys

The Israeli military agreed to a UN-brokered five-hour "humanitarian" pause starting Thursday morning in its strikes on the Gaza Strip to allow Palestinians to restock food, water and other necessities, hours after an attack by an Israeli naval vessel killed four Palestinian boys playing on the beach.

In response to a call by the UN, the military said in a statement Wednesday that it would hold its fire for five hours starting at 10 a.m. local time but warned it will retaliate "firmly and decisively" if militants launch attacks on Israel during that time.

UN deputy spokesman Farhan Haq told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Robert Serry, the UN special coordinator for the Middle East peace process, made the appeal for a "unilateral humanitarian pause" after talks with Israel's Coordination Office for Government Affairs in the (Palestinian) Territories.

The announcement came after a day of Israeli airstrikes and Palestinian militant rocket attacks as Hamas formally rejected a ceasefire proposal that had been accepted by Israel to end the nine-day-old conflict that officials say has left at least 213 Palestinians and one Israeli dead.

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"It's a cold-blooded massacre."

Abdel Kareem Baker, the uncle of four boys killed Wednesday by an Israeli naval vessel while they were playing on a beach

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Actress gets 18 years in ricin case

Shannon Richardson is escorted to a sheriff's car in Texarkana, Texas, in this file photo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Texas actress who sent ricin-laced letters to U.S. President Barack Obama and the New York mayor and then tried to blame the crime on her soon-to-be-ex-husband was sentenced to 18 years in prison on Wednesday.

A federal judge gave Shannon Guess Richardson, 36, the maximum sentence under her plea deal on a federal charge of possessing and producing a biological toxin. Richardson was also ordered to pay restitution. She had pleaded guilty to the charge in December.

"I never intended for anybody to be hurt," she told the court, adding later, "I'm not a bad person; I don't have it in me to hurt anyone."

Richardson, who had minor roles in the television series The Walking Dead and the movie The Blind Side, said she thought security measures would prevent anyone from opening the letters addressed to Obama and the now-former New York mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Prosecutors say Richardson mailed three letters, then went to police and claimed that her estranged husband had done it. She was arrested last June after authorities said she tried to implicate her husband, who had filed for divorce. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Google exec's death

Prostitute pleads not guilty

A high-priced prostitute accused of abandoning a Google executive on his yacht after shooting him up with a fatal dose of heroin never meant for Forrest Hayes, 51, to die, said her attorney as Alix Tichelman, 26, pleaded not guilty to prostitution, drug use and manslaughter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alix Tichelman in court Wednesday. SANTA CRUZ SENTINEL-POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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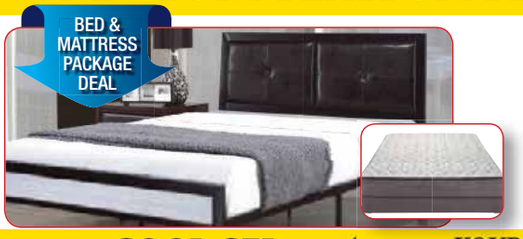

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The casino boat Escapade, with 123 people aboard, lies grounded off the coast of Tybee Island, Ga., Wednesday. U.S. COAST GUARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coast guard fails to free grounded casino boat

Stuck on sandbar, priceless. Florida-based firm invited passengers to board for free on maiden trip

A casino boat carrying about 100 passengers on its maiden trip ran aground on a sandbar overnight off Georgia's coast and remained stranded Wednesday, after tow lines broke in the U.S. Coast Guard's initial attempts to free it.

The Escapade was supposed to return about 12:30 a.m., and those aboard — wearing life vests — were growing annoyed, though no injuries were reported, according to the Coast Guard and family members awaiting the passengers' return in Savannah.

Crews now plan to put the 96 passengers and 27 crew members onto Coast Guard boats that can hold about eight people, then transfer them to a larger vessel.

The 174-foot-long Escapade was off the north end of Tybee Island, a popular beach destination east of Savannah. A spokesperson for the Coast Guard said initial reports from Escape's crew was about a malfunction of the chart plotter, part of the navigation system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A man says goodbye to his grandson departing for Russia in the city of Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, on Wednesday. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukrainian insurgents prepare for possible war

Relatives sent away. Ukrainian forces could be dragged into battle, despite efforts to keep country together

Insurgents bade tearful farewells Wednesday as they loaded their families onto Russia-bound buses and began hunkering down for what could be the next phase in Ukraine's conflict: bloody urban warfare.

While the pro-Russian rebels in the east have lost much ground in recent weeks and were driven from their stronghold of Slovyansk, many have regrouped in Donetsk, an industrial city that had a population of 1 million before tens of thousands of civilians started fleeing.

The rebels also hold the city of Luhansk, where they are said to be taking up positions in residential and industrial zones while lobbing artillery at government troops.

Despite the government's desire to minimize civilian casualties, Ukraine's forces could find themselves dragged into grueling warfare inside the cities in their battle to hold the country together.

"To respond to this phase ... we evidently must change tactics," said Valeriy Chaly, deputy head of the presidential administration. He refrained from specifying how.

Insurgents in Donetsk appeared to be bracing for a bitter fight as they shipped their relatives out of the city.

One fighter, who declined to give his name, said that not having his wife and young daughter with him would free him to concentrate on the battles ahead.

"It is easier for us this way. It is easier to fight. Your soul is not ripped into two, because when they're here, you think about war and about your family — if they are OK or not," he said. "When you know that they are safe, it is easier to go to fight." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sanctions

The U.S. and the European Union announced tougher new sanctions against Russia, which is accused of fomenting the unrest by supplying the separatists with fighters and heavy weapons — an allegation Moscow denies.

- The U.S. slapped restrictions on Russian weapons manufacturers, energy companies and banks, while the EU moved to stop European financing agreements with Moscow.

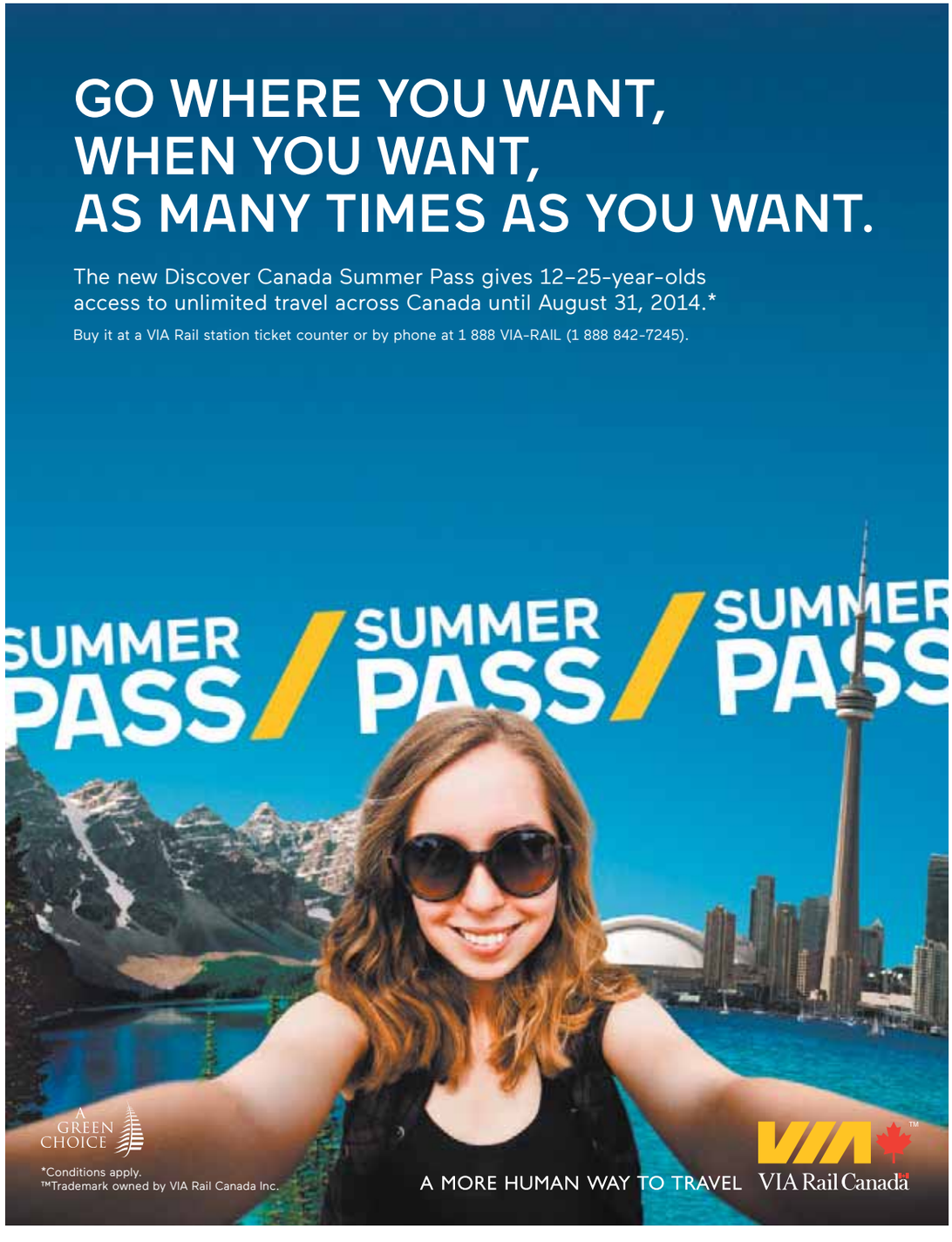
Hague tells Netherlands to compensate over 300 families of Srebrenica victims

A court on Wednesday ordered the Netherlands to compensate the families of more than 300 Bosnian Muslims who were killed when Dutch troops handed them over to Bosnian Serb forces in 1995, in a ruling that could make countries more leery to contribute troops to peacekeeping missions.

The civil court in The Hague cleared the Netherlands of liability in the massacre of nearly 8,000 others, saying that although those people sought protection in the UN safe haven of Srebrenica they were never directly in the custody of Dutch troops.

The ruling could be appealed, however. The court ruled that the Dutch peacekeeping troops could have protected the 300-plus men and boys who were among thousands of Muslims — mainly women, children and elderly people — taking shelter in a Dutch compound inside the UN-declared safe haven of Srebrenica.

The troops — part of a Dutch UN battalion known as Dutchbat — handed over those in the compound two days after the town fell. The Bosnian Serb troops then killed the Muslim men and boys, who "would have survived if Dutchbat had acted properly," said Presiding Judge Larissa Alwin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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This Feb. 16, 2013 photo shows a printout of the Facebook page for Loren Williams, who died in a motorcycle accident at the age of 22. LAUREN GAMBINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

What of the online legacy of the dead?

Digital afterlife. Advocates fight to give next-of-kin access to digital accounts of the deceased in U.S.

When you die, should your loved ones have access to your Facebook, Yahoo and other online accounts?

A group of influential lawyers says yes, unless you specify otherwise in a will. The Uniform Law Commission was expected to endorse a plan Wednesday to automatically give loved ones access to — but not control of — all digital accounts, unless otherwise specified.

"This is something most people don't think of until they are faced with it. They have no idea what is about to be lost," said Karen Williams of Beaverton, Ore., who sued Facebook for access to her 22-year-old son Loren's account after he died in a 2005 motorcycle accident.

To become law in a state, the legislation would have to be adopted by the state's legislature. But if it does, designating such access could become an important tool in estate planning, allowing people to decide which accounts should die when they do.

"Our email accounts are our filing cabinets these days," said Suzanne Brown Walsh, a Cummings & Lockwood attorney who chaired the drafting committee on the bill. But "if you need access to an email account, in most states you wouldn't get it."

Ginger McCall, associate director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, said a judge's approval should be needed to protect the privacy of both the owners of accounts and the people who communicate with them.

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Slipping through the Netflix. Many Canadians watching U.S.-only shows

A new report suggests one in three anglophone Canadian Netflix users are accessing movies and TV shows that are supposed to be available only south of the border, such as Dexter, 30 Rock or Louie.

The Media Technology Monitor commissioned a telephone poll of 2,002 anglophone Canadians this spring to ask respondents about their tech habits and routines. About 32 per cent said they were Netflix subscribers.

But according to the survey, a significant number of Canadian Netflix users — 35 per cent — have stumbled upon a trick to access content available in other countries.

There are free and subscription-based online services that mask a user's Internet address to make it appear that they actually reside elsewhere.

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This week I'm on vacation in New Brunswick (motto: "Ride the downward spiral!"), so I'm mailing it in, literally and figuratively.

What quick-and-easy topic should I touch on? Today's music is the worst? Cat people versus dog people? The federal government sucks (amirite)?

Oh wait, I've got it: women and men are different! I've noticed this a lot recently because I'm dating, and my girlfriend is indeed different than I am. I know criticizing a woman runs me the risk of perpetual online hatred until Twitter becomes obsolete, but I can say only what I see: she's just weird, what with her "planning" and "foresight," never mind her "top sheet" and "air freshener."

And as we prepared for our trip to N.B., she sometimes packed in ways so foreign to me I felt I was dealing with a different species. This is not the typical stereotype of a woman who over-packs because she hopes a provincial park with a name like Moose Mill might have call for high heels. No, this is a woman who packs a week in advance to give her the chance to rethink and adjust the placement of items as the departure date nears.

Yes, her packing has a first freaking draft.

"Devon" (she doesn't want her real name used, so let's keep this between us) packs small. She has one carry-on bag for two weeks of travel. It's not that she's a light packer — when she rattled off all the clothing, toiletries and other bric-a-brac in her bag it reminded me of those old McDonald's ads in which a customer orders the entire menu in 30 seconds.

It's like her bag is a TARDIS, bigger on the inside than is physically possible judging by the outside. She packs so densely that other items in the room are drawn in by the bag's gravitational pull. Meanwhile, I put three days of clothes and a stick of deodorant in my backpack and it looks like I've stuffed in several dozen bricks and a dead informant.

Devon says my packing technique is like a smash-and-grab at a jewellery store. "It's basically turning over a drawer into a garbage bag," she says. I don't think that's entirely fair. For instance, I ask myself important questions like, "I wonder what I forgot this time?" (Answer on this trip: a coat.)

Sure, you could spend literally an hour or more planning like my girlfriend, or you could embrace unpredictably and do it my way:

1) Sweep all the items in your medicine cabinet into your backpack.
2) Stuff in a layer of clothes.
3) Add books, laptops, PlayStations and anything else you need to help you get away from it all.
4) Add another layer of clothes. It's like a packing parfait.
5) Compress.
6) Place a framed photo of your family on top.

NOTE: one cat per bag.

And voila. Packing my faster, simpler way will free up more time for you to think about the differences between men and women. Or about that terrible federal government. They suck, amirite?

HEAVY STUFF

Basque stone lifter Ignacio Perurena holds on to a 250-kg stone during an exhibition in Cambo les Bains, southwestern France, on Tuesday. The Basque rural sports trials have their origins in routine rural tasks.
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No stone left unlifted for Basque strongmen

The Basque people are known for their competitive nature.

Their well-attended rural sports competitions have a variety of games that require an amazing amount of strength and plenty of testosterone.

Wood chopping, lifting hay bales, handling oxen, participating in insane tug-of-wars, running races with 200-pound bags of corn on their backs and more are all part of the Basque rural sports tradition.

However, the best known outside of the region is harrijasotze, or stone lifting. This is a true mighty-man's sport, and only the strongest in the region participate. Competition is fierce, and the best-known champions are looked upon by the locals as heroes, much like popular sporting figures .

The stones used in the lifting competitions are made of granite and usually weigh between 100 and 212 kg, though heavier stones may be used if the lifter wants them and has a proven ability to lift them. Competition stones are cut into squares, spheres, cylinders and rectangles to provide a variety of lifting challenges. CITIESJOURNAL.COM

Bad to the bone

Stone lifting takes its toll on the body. Many professional stone lifters have osteoarthritis by the time they're in their 20s or 30s. Most have retired to become trainers for the next generation by their 40s or 50s.

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Craigslist is great. Plenty of no-frills free listings to peruse, excellent deals and amusing Missed Connections. Craigslist is terrible. Ugly, crowded and populated by shady deals and dubious characters.

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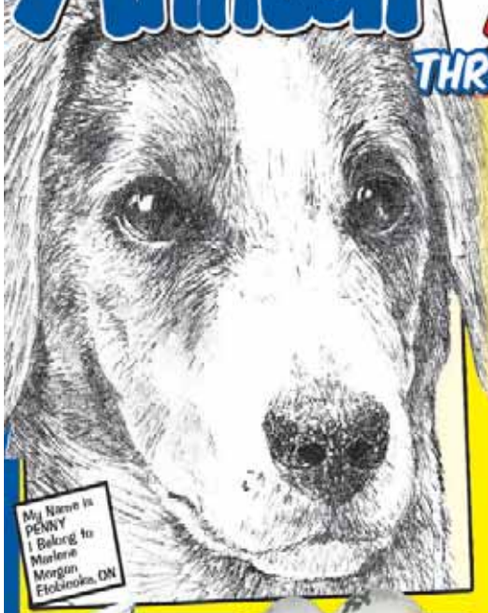

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Digging in the crates — anime style — with Oshii

Movies. The TIFF Bell Lightbox celebrates the career of the famed Japanese filmmaker

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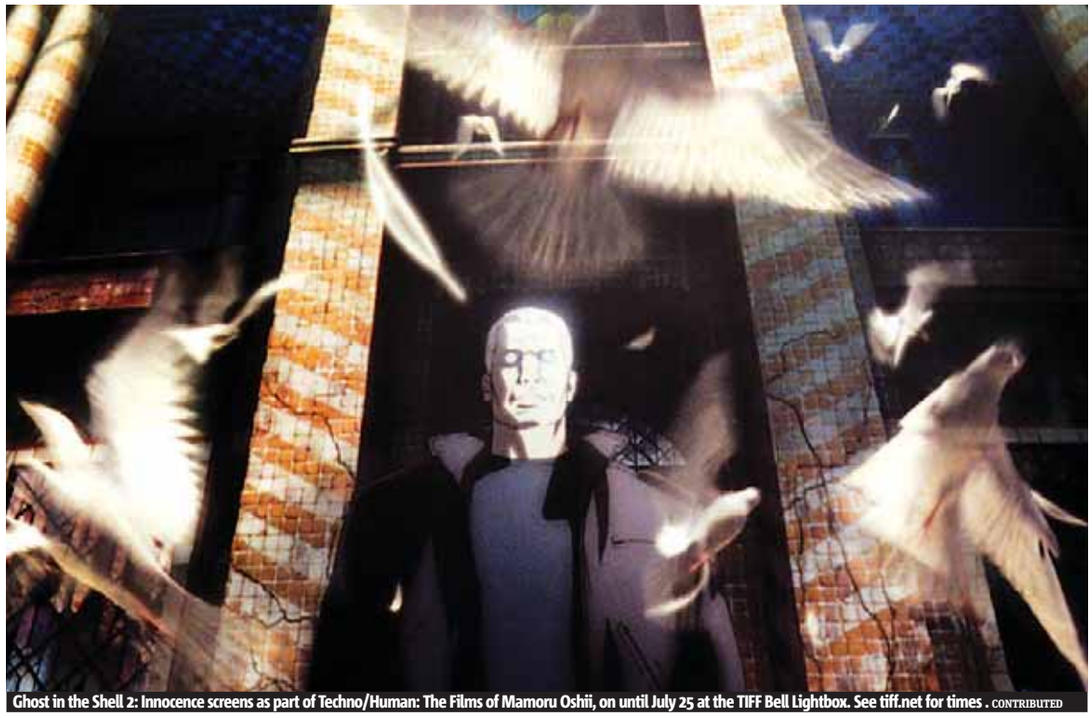

Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence screens as part of Techno/Human: The Films of Mamoru Oshii, on until July 25 at the TIFF Bell Lightbox. See tiff.net for times . CONTRIBUTED

Mamoru Oshii enjoys the kind of career filmmakers kill for.

A pioneer in both the business and technical sides of the industry in his native Japan, North American directors like James Cameron and the Wachowskis have also praised the director for his visionary storytelling.

Yet Oshii, 62 years old and 35 years into his career, feels he's only now starting to hit his stride.

"It takes years and even decades to mature as a film director," he says, speaking through a translator. "After I reached 50, I felt that I could finally make the films that I've been wanting to do."

Unsurprisingly then, Oshii isn't one to look back. But that's not stopping the TIFF Bell Lightbox from digging through the filmmakers' past with its current retrospective of the director, Techno/Human.

The interplay between man and machine has been a recurring theme in his work. Yet even as technology speeds along, Oshii insist that the relationship "hasn't changed in the past 100 years."

"It's just accelerating."

His 1995 animated feature, Ghost in the Shell, was a huge influence on the Matrix trilogy and remains his calling card here in North America. But his career dates back to the '70s. Oshii worked on a number of animated series including Urusei Yatsura, before moving on to film. He is unique amongst his peers in that he alternates between live-action and animated features.

Oshii is currently mastering his next anime feature, The Last Druid: Garm Wars, in Montreal. It will be the director's first animated film in six years. 2008's Sky Crawlers, made when the director was in his mid-50s, was the first film Oshii was "completely satisfied with."

"Film directors are similar (to) ballet dancers," he says. "The performance starts to catch up with the body, but then the body doesn't listen to the brain."

Oshii's work

Oshii makes anime and live-action films, but Techno/Human focuses on Oshii's animated triumphs.

- **Patlabor: The Movie (1989).** Based on the ongoing anime and manga series, Patlabor sees a special police unit investigate a series of robot labourer malfunctions.
- **Patlabor 2: The Movie (1993).** Perhaps Oshii's most overtly political film, its plot reflects Japan's early '90s political and economic turmoil.
- **Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence (2004).** Coming nine years after Oshii flipped the cyberpunk genre on its ear with the original Ghost in the Shell, Innocence was the first anime film ever nominated for the Palme d'Or at Cannes.

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Braff took your money and made a movie

Wish I Was Here.
After taking a lot of flack for crowdfunding his indie film, Zach Braff is ready to debut it to the world

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Wish I Was Here opens on Friday. CONTRIBUTED

You wouldn't expect it would've been difficult for the guy who made Garden State to follow up his acclaimed hit comedy, but for actor-director Zach Braff, it's been a grind just to get a movie deal.

"There weren't a plethora of deals," admitted Braff recently while discussing his upcoming sophomore feature, Wish I Was Here.

"The only one on the table was to make it for what was essentially half of what I budgeted, make it in Vancouver from a menu of actors I didn't feel were right and not have final cut. I thought I'd rather not make the movie than do that."

Instead, Braff took his dramedy about a struggling Hollywood actor who finds himself at a crossroads after his father develops a terminal illness to website Kickstarter and raised the financing in under two days through crowdfunding.

"Before I had crowdfunding, I had to deal with the inane conversations of casting and a financier is always going to say 'Mandy Patinkin can be on the list but what if it was Robert DeNiro?'" said Braff. "Once all that nonsense was gone and I was the CEO of this corporation making this movie, I was picking Mandy Patinkin, Josh Gad, Kate Hudson, I was firing off all shots."

The triumph of crowdfunding not only gave Braff full creative control but the experiment also catapulted the Scrubs star into controversy after critics called out the ethics of a wealthy celebrity turning to the public to expense his project.

"There's so much misinformation about this, I had to wage so many debates and really explain film financing to Earth," said Braff. "One question that does need to be debated is where this money is going to come from for personal indie projects because it's certainly dried up.

"Studios don't make these movies; they buy them at festivals if they like them. I think that's the bigger question."

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Taylor Swift. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Taylor Swift suffers revenge of the nerds

Thanks to court documents, we can finally put some names and faces to the three Connecticut residents charged with vandalizing Taylor Swift's Rhode Island vacation home, and the results are … kind of brainy.

Michael Horrigan, 29, Tristan Kading, 28, and Emily Kading, 26, pleaded not guilty to charges they hurled beer bottles and shouted expletives at security guards monitoring Swift's property last month, according to TMZ. So what do they do when they're not drunkenly defacing property?

Tristan Kading, for one, studied chemical oceanography at MIT and received the Richard Montgomery Award for Achievement in Mathematics. Younger sister Emily is studying to be a nuclear physicist, and both Kading and Horrigan were given citations for heroism last year after rescuing a 12-year-old girl from a cap-sized canoe.

Leave it to Swift to attract the nicest, smartest delinquents you could hope for. The defendants, by the way, say they "harboured no ill will toward Swift," who wasn't home at the time.

Jeff Goldblum makes girlfriend cry ...tears of joy

Jeff Goldblum is looking to settle down, having popped the question to his girlfriend of two years, 31-year-old gymnast Emilie Livingston, while on vacation in Hawaii.

Livingston took to her Twitter account to gush about making it official with the 61-year-old Jurassic Park star. "I was taken over by tears of joy n ecstasy! We picked the ring 2gether #inlove," she wrote. She later posted a photo of the ring itself.

Jeff Goldblum

Goldblum was previously married to Patricia Gaul from 1980 to 1986 and Geena Davis from 1987 to 1990.

The Word

Even on vacation, SJP and Matthew Broderick find trouble in paradise

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You know what everyone loves on a vacation? "Intense discussions." They're the best! And apparently that's what Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker have been having while visiting Ireland.

According to the National Enquirer, Broderick and Parker headed to their usual holiday spot on the Emerald Isle specifically to address their marriage woes and his wandering eye. "They normally venture all around Donegal, but this time they spent the majority of their time locked away in their remote home out in the countryside," a source says. "One evening they went into Nancy's, a seafood restaurant, and hardly said a word to each other."

That sounds so much like the opposite of fun. But hey, at least they're not stewing silently over dinner at home!

Britney Spears

Britney and boyfriend want a family of their own

Those Britney Spears break-up rumours were apparently premature, as the singer and boyfriend David Lucado are reportedly already thinking about expanding her family once she's done with her current Las Vegas residency, according to Radar Online.

"Britney cannot wait until the Vegas show is done because she wants to start a family with David. She says she will get pregnant as soon as the show is finished," a source says. "David is always with her in Vegas and they act like an old married couple together. He is really good with her kids and has taken to the father role pretty easily."

Twitter

@SethMacFarlane
Sorry I haven't tweeted in awhile-- Been immersed in pre-production for Ted 2! I think you're gonna like it.

@ladygaga
I resent that I have to be getting married to wear Bridal, I mean what if I just love wearing white lace and pearls without it being creepy.

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What tricks have you got up that sleeveless summer shirt?

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RACHEL VIGODA
Metro World News

We spoke with makeup artist B Wilson of Just B Beautiful for insider tips on how to stay looking bright and fresh despite the heat. Wilson and her "glam squad" offer on-location hair and makeup services in New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia.

Here are the tricks — and the products — she swears by.

Don't cake it on

"Leave that damn highlighter alone!" Wilson says. "When you sweat, your pores are open, so if you have makeup on your skin the makeup is going right into your pores and clogging them up. Wear the least amount of makeup possible and focus on your natural glow." If you're not brave enough to go totally bare, try a dab of tinted moisturizer and then contour with a light bronzer like Soleil Tan de Chanel. Absolutely refuse to give up foundation? Wilson recommends Urban Decay's Naked Skin, which is "super light, but gives surprisingly full coverage."

Light and bright

"Leave that damn highlighter alone! Wear the least amount of makeup possible and focus on your natural glow."
B Wilson
Makeup artist

Get a (sunless) tan — no matter what your skin colour is

Use a sunless tanner on your legs, whether you're "the palest of pale to the darkest of dark," says Wilson: "I'm African American, and I still get a spray tan on my legs." The trick is a very light touch; you're going for a subtle glow just a shade or two darker than your natural color to create a smooth, even, firm look. Wilson goes to The Bronzed Bee in Philadelphia for a customized airbrush spray tan. For a cheaper DIY option, she likes Airbrush Legs by Sally Hansen or Jergens Natural Glow.

Wouldn't it be nice to let the natural you out into the world? ISTOCK

Make an easy at-home cellulite eraser

Mask cellulite with this simple recipe:

- Instant coffee (caffeinated)
- Almond oil or vitamin E oil
- Brown sugar

Combine the ingredients, gently scrub in the shower, rinse off, and then admire your firm-looking thighs and butt. The smoothing effects will last for hours, Wilson says. Store any extra mixture in a mason jar for up to five days.

Expert tip: Do not use regular ground (not-instant) coffee, unless there's a sexy plumber you want to invite over — it will clog the drain.

B's bonus tip

Banish excess shine

- This isn't for everyday, but if you're prepping for a special occasion, "wash, moisturize — and then prime with Milk of Magnesia," Wilson says. "It acts as a barrier for the excessive sebum that builds up, and keeps your face smooth and matte the entire day." Just dab it on with a cotton ball and then cover the chalkiness with a light tinted moisturizer or powder.

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Bottle stopper or hit with the shopper?

Functional and fashionable. Cork is enjoying a trendy moment in handbags and shoes, shoes, shoes

Embraced by some progressive furniture makers decades ago and a staple in housewares, cork has found a larger place among shoes, handbags, jewelry and other fashion accessories.

Designer Elaine Turner is a proponent of cork, which is renewable, feather light and water-resistant. So is Ingrid Heinkel, who imports cork accessories ranging from men's wallets to a woman's backpack in a tiger stripe design.

Cork is popping up in umbrellas, simple apparel items like shawls, watchbands, bracelets, necklaces, hats, belts, golf bags and shoes, shoes, shoes — moccasins, flip-flops and Superga sneakers with neon flecks to Jimmy Choo wedges and Badgley Mischka stilettos.

And we're not just talking soles and shock absorbent footbeds. We're talking uppers in double straps and gold tips from Turner and vibrant colour combinations in slides, though cork is often left in its raw, recognizable state.

"I think we're in a very natural vibe right now, and a very green vibe. Cork works with that. It's just something unique. This season it has really hit its high point," said Alison Minton, who blogs about accessories at Accessorygeneration.

While Minton sees cork as a seasonal item for spring and summer, Heinkel went so far as to declare: "Cork is the new leather." Farfetched? In a recent interview, she called cork in accessories an emerging market.

"I think that it's on its way to becoming something permanent in the marketplace," Heinkel said from Amelia Island, Florida. "I used to live in Spain, and I found the handbags on a weekend in Portugal, and I'm having a lot of fun with it. I used to go to the trade shows and I would have to kind of bang the drums to get people's attention and explain, but now it has its own momentum."

Spas and the shops of wineries and museums are big customers for Heinkel, but her most popular item online at Shopcorkdesign is a hobo handbag in a natural blond grain.

Turner, fond of natural materials that also include raffia, started using cork about seven years ago to further her tropical vacation esthetic.

"We started making bags and shoes out of it and it instantly was popular. It's probably our No. 1 material for spring every year," she said. "It's a neutral and very versatile."

Turner uses a manufacturer in Spain, a part of the Mediterranean where most of the cork supply comes from.

"It's very malleable so it translates easily on handbags and shoes. And it's highly durable. There are no issues with fraying or pulling apart like the raffia. People love it for travel," Turner said. "It's also cost-effective."

Daniella Ohad, a home design historian, estimated that 60 per cent of all cork production is for the wine industry, though the World Wildlife Fund has warned that plastic alternatives to cork wine stoppers may threaten cork oak forests of Portugal, Spain, Algeria, Morocco, Italy, Tunisia and France.

Cork is the thick outer bark of mature trees and fully regenerates over cycles of about 10 years, until quality falls off after seven cycles or so. Cork extraction is one of the most environmentally friendly harvesting methods, and cork production provides a sustainable livelihood for people in many parts of the world, according to the WWF.

Portugal is the biggest producer and the primary source of diversification of cork into accessories.

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"In the '20s and '30s, architects discovered cork and it was the perfect material for modernism because it was clean and it was very different," says Daniella Ohad, a home design historian. ARMANDO FRANCA / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cookbook of the Week

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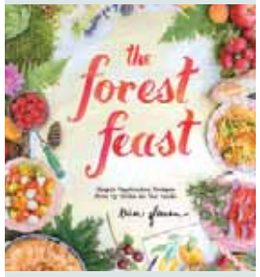

The inspiration behind The Forest Feast is authenticity at its best. Author Erin Gleeson moved to a cabin in a California forest and learned to rely on nature. It's no wonder that most of the book's 100 vegetarian recipes call for only a few ingredients and require very few steps. Recipes include Carrot and Zucchini Ribbon Pasta, Fried Banana Split and more. METRO

Salad Spotlight.

While Metro's week of lightening your plate ends tomorrow, today enjoy this lentil salad that requires no effort

"I like my salads to be more filling and 'meaty', so I use more chopped vegetables and sometimes even cooked ingredients as well," writes Erin Gleeson in her book The Forest Feast.

"All of (my salads) can be served at room temperature, which means that they are easy to make ahead and keep in the fridge for a weeknight dinner, or when getting ready for a party.

Gleeson also notes, "Canned lentils work great (for this salad), but if you make your own, boil them like pasta on low to avoid them turning to mush. This filling salad is tossed with sun-dried tomatoes, purple cabbage, cherry tomatoes and dried cranberries."

The dressing keeps in the fridge for at least one week. Before using it, bring it to room temperature.

Ingredients

Salad
- 2 cup (400 g) cooked lentils
- 1/2 cup (30 g) sun-dried tomatoes
- 1/2 cup (64 g) dried cranberries
- 1 cup (150 g) halved cherry tomatoes
- 2 cup (140 g) shredded purple cabbage

Lemon-Mustard Vinaigrette
- 3/4 cup (180 ml) olive oil
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) lemon juice
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp maple syrup

This recipe serves four to six. ERIN GLEESON

1. To be quick, use canned (lentils). If from scratch, follow package instructions.

2. If using dry red lentils, they can get mushy easily, so I cook them on medium-low for 15-20 min. until al dente, then strain like pasta and cool

3. Mix lentils with sun-dried tomatoes, cranberries and halved cherry tomatoes. Spread over shredded cabbage and dress with Lemon-Mustard Vinaigrette.

Lemon-Mustard Vinaigrette

1. (Combine all ingredients and) shake it, baby!

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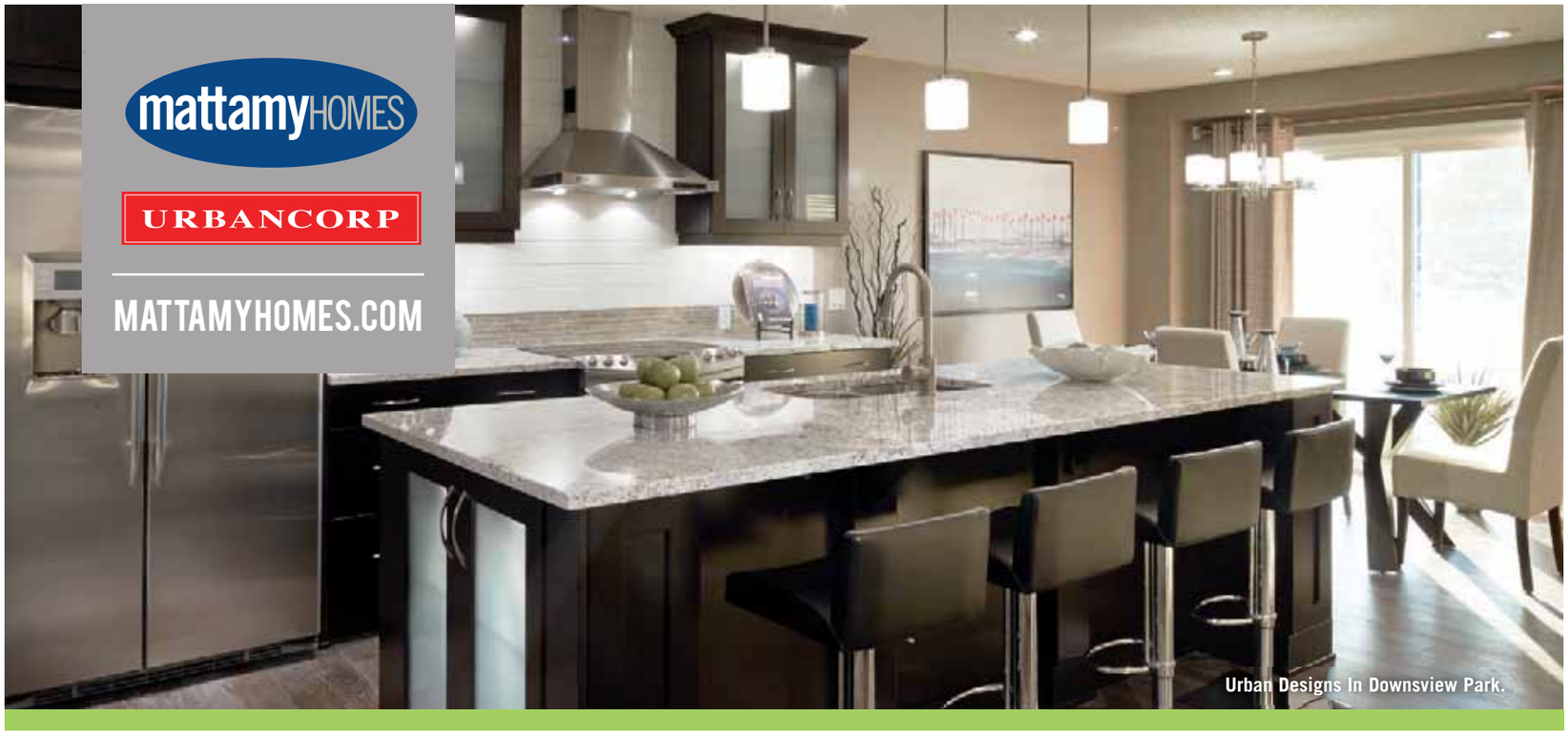
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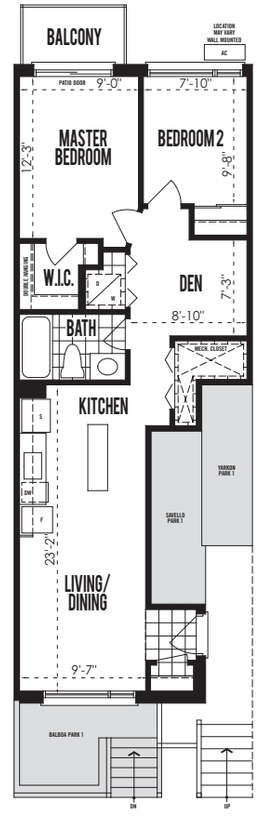

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Legal Matters

The ins and outs of Land Transfer Tax

My husband and I own a small house downtown which our son lives in and "rents" from us along with another tenant on the upper floor. We wanted to put our son on title so that he can claim it as his primary residence and enjoy tax-free capital gains. What should we be aware of?

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The first thing you should be aware of is that if there is an outstanding mortgage on the property, you will have to pay Land Transfer Tax on the total of the amount still owing to the bank.

If you and your husband are staying on title, then typically, you would transfer 1/3 to your son and therefore 1/3 of the outstanding amount of the mortgage would be taxable under the land transfer tax. Where the property is located will determine what the rate of the land transfer tax will be.

Second, you are placing your son on title so he can benefit from tax-free capital gains on the portion he owns (1/3). However, you should be aware that the capital gains exemption does not apply to you and your husband since you purchased the property up to the date you made the transfer, presuming this is not your primary residence.

Therefore, you would be responsible for 100 per cent of the capital gains tax for that period. Going forward, you would be responsible for 2/3 of the taxable gains.

At the date of the transfer to your son, the gains on the 1/3 you are transferring would be payable. You should always consult with your tax expert prior to changing title to property in favour of another party: whether a family member or any other person. The rules can be complex and confusing.

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New condos get a little playful

Kid friendly. As echo-boomers and millennials start families, condo builders are adjusting amenities to suit them

CONDO TRENDS
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A kids' playroom at Scenic on Eglinton. CONTRIBUTED

Toronto is experiencing a new demographic phenomenon. According to the 2011 census, the number of Canadian children under five years of age is growing at the fastest rate in 50 years. Echo boomers and millennials are procreating, it would seem, and this mini-baby boom has resulted in a huge population growth of children in proximity to the many condo buildings in the downtown core.

Many young couples yearn to buy a house downtown, but in Toronto, it has become all but out of reach for most. Parents are learning to parent in smaller spaces. As developers start to offer more amenities that cater to the wee ones, regrettably, there are still not nearly enough three-bedroom units to make up for the increase in families.

What do young parents look for in a condo? For starters, a swimming pool is a definite must-have for condo-kids, we are told.

Melissa Hank-Verhovsek and her husband, Vili, recently purchased a three-bedroom condominium; a new home for themselves and their energetic little four-year-old, Ava. Family-friendly amenities ranked high on their condo wish-list. "We like the place that we are at because it has a pool which is a big plus for us," says Hank-Verhovsek. "And right behind there is a little bit of a park area and it was close to daycare," she adds. "We do have to end up taking her out a lot because really, she has no place to go and she starts to go stir-crazy after a while."

Christene De Gasperis, VP of marketing with Aspen Ridge Homes, discovered an interesting trend after building their first downtown condo, VU on Jarvis and Adelaide. "Our mindset wasn't of thinking of people with kids, but as people moved in, we noticed that there were quite a few millennials with young babies."

This influenced the design of their next downtown condo project, Scenic on Eglinton. "We offered a kid's room in Scenic where nothing's too breakable and we've had a few birthday parties, and their own little theatre and a chalk wall where the kids can go nuts." says De Gasperis.

A major nightmare for city parents is the extreme lack of daycare, with thousands competing for a spot on waiting lists. Municipalities need to step up to the plate and provide these services. After the buildings are built, it takes a long time for services to catch up. In the meantime, the kids just keep on coming.

Musée is sophistication in the city

Musée condominium on Adelaide near Bathurst. CONTRIBUTED

Meet the condo

- **What.** Musée
- **Builder.** PLAZA
- **Location.** Adelaide Street West near Bathurst
- **Website.** pureplaza.com
- **Pricing.** Starting from $295,900
- **Building.** 17 storeys with 437 units
- **Suites.** One bedroom, one bedroom plus den, two bedroom, three bedroom and townhomes
- **Sizes.** From 509 to 1,128 sq. ft.
- **Sales Centre.** 125 Western Battery Rd., unit 1

The project overview

Musée is PLAZA's new condominium set amidst a tree-lined pocket off Adelaide Street West, between the vibrant streetscape of King Street West and the fun and fashion of Queen West, and the diversity of neighbouring areas like Chinatown and Kensington Market.

Location and transit

Located on Adelaide just east of Bathurst Street in the heart of the Fashion District, transportation options include Bathurst TTC buses or nearby King and Queen streetcars, bike lanes or a quick access to the Gardiner Expressway.

In the neighbourhood

Nearby Queen West offers trend-setting shopping. King Street West offers upscale restaurants, outdoor patios, lounges, and dance clubs. Sporting events, art galleries, cultural exhibits and performing arts are all within walking distance.

Building amenities

Featured are a fitness centre, party room, yoga room, outdoor swimming pool, theatre, guest suites, meeting room, 24-hour concierge service, pedestrian galleria and 8,000-square-foot parkette with sculptural installations.

Giving back

Charity barbecue notches $45K for Habitat

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The building and development industry has a strong legacy of giving back to the communities it helps create. Our association pays tribute to this legacy with a series of annual fundraisers for our community partner Habitat for Humanity GTA.

One of our most popular events is the annual charity barbecue, which celebrated its 22nd year last week by raising $45,000 toward the construction of our 11th Habitat home.

It all took place right on BILD's front lawn, which hosted more than 650 members from across the GTA. Guests enjoyed a variety of fun activities, all aimed at raising more money for our Habitat partner family.

The barbecue was preceded by the 5th annual Race for Humanity — a scavenger hunt consisting of 28 teams competing against each other by solving clues around the city of Toronto. The final stop was the barbecue, where teams were tasked with one last challenge before enjoying some much-deserved refreshments.

The race, presented by the Toronto Star and In2ition Realty, keeps growing every year and has been recognized with international awards and nominations numerous times since its inception.

A special thank you to Metro, the barbecue's corporate sponsor, as well as all our event sponsors, BILD Humanitarian Champions, auction donors and volunteers. We could never have reached this level of success without their support.

These two annual events are another example of our industry's commitment to giving back through volunteerism, philanthropy and sponsorship, and I am proud to represent an association whose members are so committed to making the GTA a better place to live for future generations.

What's hot on the condo market

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1. King West

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2. Mississauga

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3. Downtown

Grand Opening: 50 at Wellesley Station condominium residences east of Yonge St. Check out the presentation centre at 50 Wellesley St. E.

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Cocktail hour comes home

Recreate Mad Men's decadent aura at home with cocktail carts that echo the era

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cocktail cart revival

Bar carts like the ones that appeared in the offices of Mad Men are a popular choice for those looking to bring a bit of the cocktail culture into their home.

Mad Men's Roger Sterling and Don Draper at the office bar cart. AMC

The office bar cart on the set of Mad Men. AMC

Bring it with bar carts

"The bar cart is a really great way to bring that bar element into the space, and there are so many cool options for bar carts now."

Tamara Bowman, owner and lead designer at Metric Design Centre in Saskatoon

For a clean-line aesthetic: Parker Mid-Century Bar Cart, $349. WESTELM.COM

Small profile: Bix Bar Cart, $500. CRATEANDBARREL.COM

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Sofas go deep

Be gone, you skinny-armed sofa. Wide, square arms, deep seating and slipcovers make their return. McGill deep-seat sofa, $4,200, montauk-sofa.com

Turn back decor of the

If you want to invest in your home's decor, simply look back 30 years for the next big thing. Yes, elements of the 1980s are creeping back into our lives. Here's a quick compilation of coming decor trends

Hand-forged metallics

Goodbye to nickel and brass and hello hand-forged steel, raw bronze and hammered zinc for a handmade look to modern home accessories. Hess Side Chair, $229, crateandbarrel.com

Concrete ideas

Travertine stone from the 1980s is gone, but modern interiors will have concrete finishes and stone looks for a touch of nature inside the home. Malay Cast Concrete Coffee Table, $800, restorationhardware.com

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time for trends future

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Piping dreams

Look for less nail-head trims, button tufting and exposed furniture legs. The upcoming trends include skirted sofas, very low profile legs, piping trims and leather details. Contrast piping shows off shapely lines. Groove Chair Custom, $1,300, urbanbarn.com

Tone-on-tone carpets

Lately, rugs have been treated as art for the floors, with bright colours and shocking patterns. Look for tone-on-tone carpets made with luxurious materials like virgin wool, silk and mohair. Vintage Grey VCO9, $13,500, elte.com

Symmetry meets its match

People have been trying for years to conquer the eclectic look with end tables and small furnishings. The next wave of decorators will keep it simple and create symmetry. Dark Zinc Open Nightstand, $555, restorationhardware.com

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Votes boost Bradley into all-star status

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Toronto midfielder named to team that will take on Bayern Munich in August

Toronto FC midfielder Michael Bradley was voted onto the Major League Soccer all-star team on Wednesday.

Bradley is one of eight players selected to the team who also played in this year's World Cup in Brazil. The MLS all-stars will compete against German giants Bayern Munich in Portland on Aug. 6.

Michael Bradley GETTY IMAGES

Bradley represented the United States under head coach Jurgen Klinsmann at the World Cup, starting in all four matches and picking up one assist.

Bradley's U.S. World Cup teammates Clint Dempsey (Seattle Sounders), Graham Zusi (Sporting Kansas City), Kyle Beckerman (Real Salt Lake), Matt Besler (Sporting Kansas City), DeAndre Yedlin (Seattle Sounders FC), Omar Gonzalez (L.A. Galaxy), and goalkeeper Nick Rimando (Real Salt Lake) were also named to the all-star team Wednesday.

MLS commissioner Don Garber will announce two more all-star roster additions on Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Erik Hurtado of the Vancouver Whitecaps leaps for a touch on the ball against Toronto FC's Justin Morrow at BMO Field on Wednesday. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. For the story, go to metronews.ca. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trade inquiries

GM not ready to give up on Gilberto

Toronto FC has had inquiries from other teams about Gilberto, but wants to give the Brazilian striker adequate time to settle down with the MLS club.

General manager Tim Bezbatchenko, in a session Wednesday with beat reporters, said Gilberto has been unlucky with injuries in his debut campaign in Toronto. The Brazilian designated player, who is making $1.2 million US this season, had one goal in 11 appearances prior to Wednesday's game against Vancouver.

Bezbatchenko, however, said Gilberto has been impressive in practice. Plus history shows that South American players take time to adjust to MLS. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gilberto TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Most valuable franchises

Leafs the only NHL club to crack Forbes' top 50

The Maple Leafs are the only NHL team on Forbes' list of the 50 most valuable franchises in sports, checking in at No. 26.

According to Forbes, the Leafs are worth $1.15 billion US and have been the most valuable NHL team since 2005.

Spanish-based soccer club Real Madrid is No. 1 at $3.44 billion. Major League Baseball's New York Yankees are the top North American team on the list, fourth at $2.5 billion.

Despite being in the process of selling for $2 billion, the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers did not make the list, which finished with 50th-ranked AC Milan at $856 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Buds sign Holland to two-year deal

Peter Holland celebrated his new two-year contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs by shooting a hole-in-one.

"Decent day," the centre tweeted along with a picture from the golf course. "Sign a new contract and dunk a hole-in-one!! No bounce, straight in."

With Dave Bolland gone, Holland is expected to compete for the third-line centre job next season behind Tyler Bozak and Nazem Kadri. Last year he had five goals and five assists in 39 games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Six keys to a Blue Jays surge

The Blue Jays (49-47) are currently on pace to win about 83 games, which won't be enough to win the division or earn a wild-card spot. Here's what the Jays need to do to get to the 90-or-so wins it'll take to bring the playoffs back to Toronto.

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Improve with RISP

The Jays have struggled badly to cash in runners in scoring position this year, hitting just .244, which ranks 18th in the majors. While the club sits fifth overall in total runs scored, 43 per cent of those runs have come via their league-leading 116 homers. So they need to find other ways to manufacture runs — particularly against tougher pitchers who are less likely to give up the long ball.

Go deeper

When the Jays were enjoying success in May, their starters pitched to a 3.42 ERA (second-best in the AL) and ranked third in the majors in innings pitched, averaging more than six per start. In April, June and July they averaged 5 2/3 innings. Mark Buehrle and R.A. Dickey will carry the heaviest load, but youngsters Drew Hutchison and Marcus Stroman, pictured, must step up for the Jays to succeed.

Lower walk rate

The Jays' pitching staff, both starters and relievers, has combined for the second-highest walk rate in the majors, behind only the Chicago White Sox. Walks and hit batters represent more than 30 per cent of the Jays' total base runners against. The bullpen, in particular, has to find a way to regain their command. Their walk rate is nearly 25 per cent higher than it was last season.

Address the 'pen

Speaking of the bullpen, whether via trade or through internal promotion, the Jays need to do something to provide a reliable right-handed bridge to Casey Janssen, pictured. Brett Cecil has served well from the left side, as has Aaron Loup, but with the marked declines of Steve Delabar (currently in Triple-A Buffalo) and Sergio Santos, the Jays need to shore up the right side.

A veteran infielder

The hole left in the Jays' infield by Brett Lawrie, pictured, to injury seems more glaring every day. His versatility is the key to the platoon with Steve Tolleson and Juan Francisco, and in his absence, the left side of the infield has looked distressingly porous. The club needs some kind of stabilizing force that can provide more consistent production at the plate and adequate defence in the field.

Get/stay healthy

Easier said then done, but what the Jays' recent stretch has shown is just how vulnerable their lineup is to injury. They need their injured position players — Lawrie, Edwin Encarnacion, pictured, and Adam Lind — to get back as soon as possible to steady what has been a paper-thin lineup. With 66 games remaining, time is quickly running out.

MLB

Ex-Jay Frasor going to Kansas City

The Kansas City Royals have gotten some relief help, acquiring veteran reliever Jason Frasor from the Texas Rangers for Triple-A right-hander Spencer Patton.

The trade was made Wednesday, the same day Patton was in the Triple-A all-star game.

Frasor was 1-1 with a 3.34 ERA in 38 appearances this season, his second in Texas. The right-hander spent nine seasons with Toronto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tour de France

Gallopin wins Stage 11 at home

French rider Tony Gallopin led a late breakaway in a show of opportunism and savvy racing to win the 11th stage of the Tour de France on Wednesday, as Italy's Vincenzo Nibali retained the overall lead.

The peloton returned to action after the race's first rest day with the 187.5-kilometre ride from Besançon to Oyonnax, not far from the Swiss border.

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Golf. Singleton a rags-to-riches tale at British Open

John Singleton had just finished up a practice round along the Irish Sea when four young girls approached him.

"Are you famous?" one of them asked.

"I'm playing in the Open," Singleton replied, trying to keep a straight face. "That's pretty famous, ain't it?"

Actually, there's no more improbable player at Royal Liverpool than this 30-year-old, who lives 10 minutes down the road and qualified for the British Open on his very first try.

Singleton strolled around the course Wednesday with PGA Tour regular Dustin Johnson, who introduced himself on the first tee.

"Do you play on the European Tour?" Johnson finally asked on the third hole.

"No," Singleton replied, "I work in a factory."

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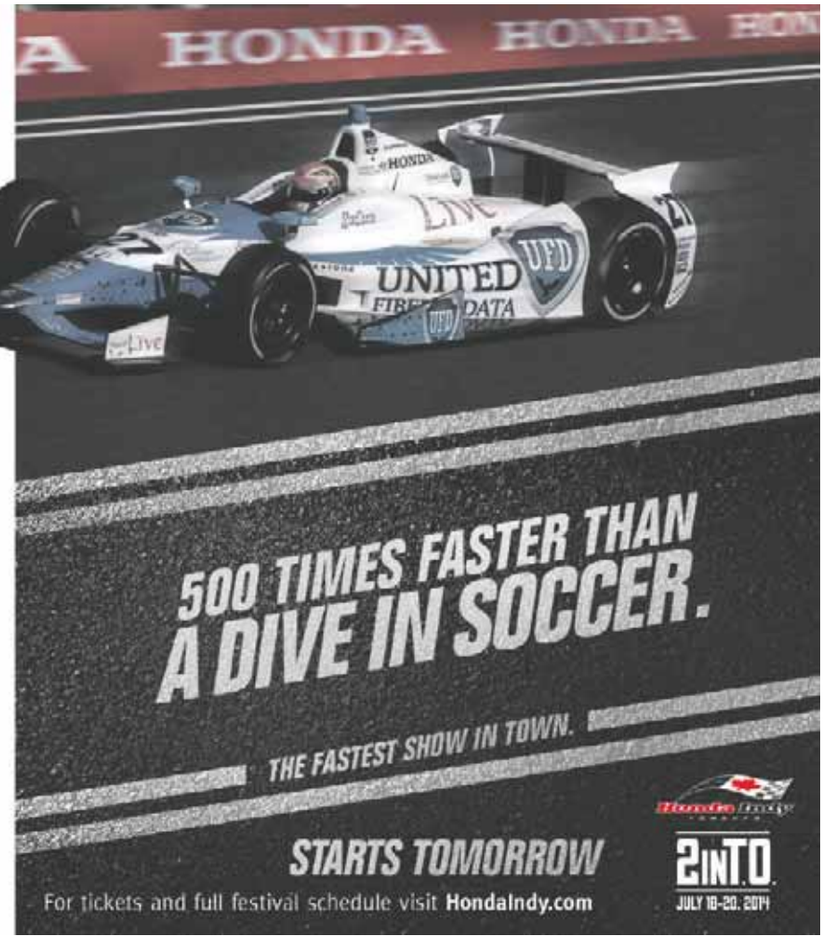
A spectator takes a selfie with golfer John Singleton in Hoylake, England, Wednesday. Scan the image with your Metro News app for more notes from the British Open. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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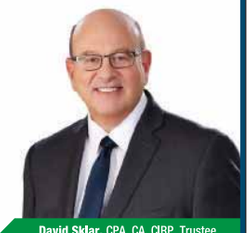

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may be tempted to be nice for what you can get out of someone but do you have to be so mercenary? Put others first and be genuinely interested in what they're doing.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You are entitled to enjoy yourself and there is no reason why you should feel guilty just because some people have not been as lucky as you.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You will get the chance to do things for loved ones today but make sure they don't take advantage of you. Also, being of service does not mean you can't have fun as well.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You know you can get what you want but that does not give you the right to take as you please. If you go to extremes now, you will have to pay for it later.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone has been taking liberties and you need to confront them about it. If you leave it longer they may get the impression that they can take from you as and when they please.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may have strong opinions but remember that not everyone sees things the same way. Make an effort to find out what other people think.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Treat what happens over the next few days as an opportunity for advancement. And treat people you meet as potential friends and allies.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is the ideal time to let your mind wander because it will lead you in new directions. For inspiration, connect with those who make you feel good.

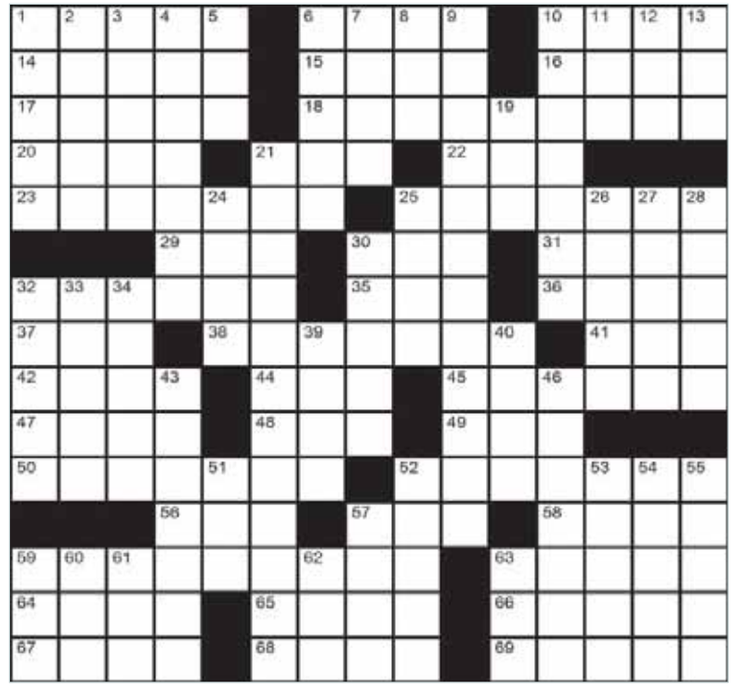
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The next few days will bring surprises. It's not often you are this lucky so make the most of it and don't think there is some kind of catch. There isn't.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The only way you are going to get what you desire is to communicate with those who can help. Co-operate with them fully and make sure their and your needs are catered to.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you're motivated by greed, you are unlikely to get what you desire. If, however, you are driven by a genuine desire to help others you will succeed beyond your wildest dreams.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The cosmic omens are so good that you no doubt think you can do as you please. To a certain extent that is true but you should do things for other people as well.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across

1. Parks Canada mascot
6. Egg: French
10. Guzzle
14. Do well on the test: 2 wds.
15. ___ (Play's opening)
16. English river
17. Canadian series, "Due __"
18. Home reno show's ending: 2 wds.
20. Yes x 2: Spanish
21. My own: Latin
22. Hydrocarbon suffix
23. 'Them', to Us
25. Name and __
29. Botanist Mr. Gray
30. Uncooked
31. Dud
32. Tom Cruise vampire
35. Abu Dhabi is its cap.
36. Lucy Lawless role
37. Wrath
38. Northeast Saskatchewan town; or, actress Ashley
41. Ford fabrication
42. Alice's portrayer on "The Brady Bunch", __ _. Davis (b.1926 - d.2014)
44. Stitch
45. Brilliancy
47. After-Q queue
48. TV's "Mad __"
49. 'E' in BCE
50. Entrepreneur's new venture
52. Banned basement businesses, briefly
56. Long-snouted fish
57. Moscow's locale, briefly
58. Retro toy, __ Bat
59. Cereal brand
63. Bill __, "Saturday Night Live" alum
64. Klutz's shout!
65. Louisiana, par exemple
66. Plaudit
67. Nice names?
68. Count on
69. Slangly-spelled agendas

Down

1. Out, in fashion
2. Flip _ __
3. Reduce. __. Recycle.
4. British Columbia port city, 'A Marvel of Nature and Industry'
5. Football player, e.g.
6. Hall & __
7. Canyon feedback
8. Sport-__ (All-purpose vehicle)
9. The __-__ (1969 novel by Canadian author Margaret Laurence)
10. Canadian makeup company, ___ _
11. Shade
12. Can. neighbour
13. Collective Soul song
19. Finish
21. Song by British band The Smiths that goes: "And the flesh you so fancifully fry / Is not succulent, tasty or kind...": 3 wds.
24. Time __ __ a premium
25. Stuck keyboard letter
26. Put into office
27. Navigational aid-at-sea
28. Fifth wheel
30. Uniquely-spelled song by California band LIFE
32. "Pretty Little __"
33. Surrealist artist Max
34. Austrian actress Ms. Berger
39. Percolate
40. Continental currency
43. Michael __ (Regina-born actor/tenor)
46. Canadian Rockies range, __ Range
51. Smidgen
52. Like the wind sometimes
53. George Gershwin co-composed tune: "Tee-__-Un-Bum-Bo"
54. Really request
55. Classifies
57. Authentic
59 Michael, to Kirk
60. Boo-__(Sniff!)
61. Circling stat.
62. 'Favour' suffix
63. She's-not

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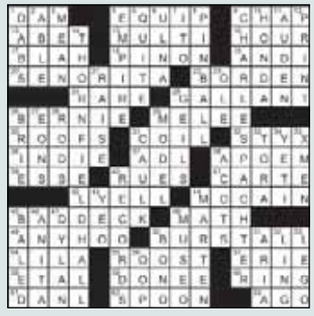

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8		4			7			
	4	9						5
	3		5		1		4	
7						8	3	
			4			9		7
				9		3	6	
	1			5		2		

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	2	9	5	6	8	3	7	1
5	8	7	3	9	1	4	2	6
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3	6	1	8	7	5	9	4	2
7	4	2	6	3	9	1	5	8
9	5	8	4	1	2	7	6	3
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